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SUBJECT: BAN-THE-BOMB MEETINGS IN HIROSHIMA

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1. UNGA PRESIDENT H. SHIRLEY AMERASINGHE DELIVERED KEYNOTE ADDRESS AUGUST 6 AT MEMORIAL SERVICE, REPORTEDLY ATTENDED BY 50,000 PEOPLE, MARKING 32ND ANNIVERSARY OF ATOM BOMB EXPLOSION OVER HIROSHIMA. AMERASINGHE MADE GENERAL APPEAL AGAINST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO NEUTRON BOMB AS "MOST RECENT OBSCENITY." AMERASINGHE WAS FIRST UNGA PRESIDENT TO ATTEND MEMORIAL SERVICE, WHICH COINCIDED WITH FOUR-DAY INTERNATIONAL WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN BOMBS, ALSO HELD IN HIROSHIMA.

2. CONFERENCE, JOINTLY SPONSORED FOR FIRST TIME IN 14 YEARS BY JAPANESE COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST AFFILIATED BAN-THE-BOMB GROUPS, GENSUIKYO AND GENSUIKIN, HAS BEEN TOUTED AS PRELUDE TO EVENTUAL MERGER OF ALL ANTI-BOMB
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ORGANIZATIONS IN JAPAN. AGENDA INCLUDED STATEMENT BY JAPANESE PARTICIPANT THAT BOTH SUPERPOWERS CONDUCTED NUCLEAR TESTS AS IF THEY WERE "SNEERING AT OUR GATHERING." IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, GROUPS IN HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI REPORTEDLY SENT PROTESTS AUGUST 5 TO AMBASSADOR (NOT YET RECEIVED) AGAINST RECENT U.S. UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST IN NEVADA.

3. FYI FOR USUN: WE NOTE THAT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
HAS BEEN REPORTED BY PRESS TO HAVE BEEN SPONSORED BY
"NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS," AND THAT REFERENCE
TO UN/NGO HAS BEEN DROPPED.
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